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## **IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Become a Volunteer! Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival 2004



## ***Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival 2004 Become a Volunteer!***

Volunteering is the theme for the 2004 Spirit of Shrewsbury (SOS) Fall Festival to be held October 1-3. Committees are starting to form.

Art Dobson, Vice-President of the SOS, said, "In order to make the October weekend a success, we need many volunteers to help with the activities being planned. We need more participation and early commitment by the schools and town organizations. We are looking for people to help with the Town Common groups, craft fair, parade, obtaining sponsors and community contacts, distribute information, fundraising, and a dinner dance. Without sufficient help, the events will not be possible. Suggestions are welcome as to how the weekend can be improved."

### ***How Can YOU Help?***

#### **Dinner Dance**

Share your ideas about ways to improve the third annual Dinner Dance, honoring the 2004 Grand Marshal and recognizing a business person. The event will be held at the UMass Hoagland Pincus Conference Center, 22 Maple Ave. on Saturday, **September 18**. Contact Art Dobson at [adobson681@aol.com](mailto:adobson681@aol.com).

### **Expo on the Common**

On **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 AM to 3 PM, town groups will gather to provide food, fun and entertainment at the Town Common. Help is needed either the night before or the morning of the event to set up tents in the dining area. Contact Debbie Grampietro at [hdkjames@townisp.com](mailto:hdkjames@townisp.com) or (508) 791-2991.

### **Craft Fair**

The Seventh Annual Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Sherwood Middle School.

Jobs to be done by this committee include: helping with distribution of fliers to possible participants, distribution of publicity posters the first part of September, distribution of fliers to all elementary schools and to the middle schools for delivery to students on September 27, helping with the site preparation from 3 to 5 on October 1, and helping with site breakdown on October 2 from 3 to 4:30. For information, call Vivian Powers at 508-792-6551 or [vpowers@townisp.com](mailto:vpowers@townisp.com).

### **Parade**

Volunteers are needed to help on the parade committee as parade stagers and event coordinators. Ideas are needed from the community as to how we can get more groups/schools/organizations involved in the parade. Contact Candace Longo at [candacelongo@msn.com](mailto:candacelongo@msn.com) to join the fun.

### **Boat Parade**

A group is needed to run a possible boat parade on Lake Quinsigamond in conjunction with the SOS festival. Contact Art Dobson (508-842-2826 or [adobson681@aol.com](mailto:adobson681@aol.com)) for information.

### **Grand Marshall**

Volunteers are needed to help plan the decoration of the Grand Marshall parade car as well as provide assistance in honoring the 2004 Grand Marshall at the Dinner Dance. Contact Maria Smith (508-845-9974 or [MMSREAL@aol.com](mailto:MMSREAL@aol.com)) or Art Dobson (508-842-2826 or [adobson681@aol.com](mailto:adobson681@aol.com)) for information.

### **A Taste of Shrewsbury**

A planning committee is needed. An experienced consultant is available to provide assistance to this group. Get your friends together and take on this project. Contact Maria Smith (508-845-9974 or [MMSREAL@aol.com](mailto:MMSREAL@aol.com)) or Art Dobson (508-842-2826 or [adobson681@aol.com](mailto:adobson681@aol.com)) for information.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Quinsig Canoe & Kayak Race**

Paddlers from as far as 50 miles will be part of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Quinsig Canoe & Kayak Race* on **October 2** from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Volunteers are needed for the following:

**\*\* On Going Positions:** --- Assistant to Chairperson (Work with Chairperson in planning and coordinating event. Learn the process and provide backup to perpetuate this annual event.)

--- Webmaster (Maintain, improve and update the Canoe & Kayak website)

--- Administrator (Computer skilled to write letters, send mailings and rosters, etc., a "Girl Friday Needed")

**\*\* Race Day Volunteers for 6 hrs.**

--- Registrar (Control a crew of 6 doing registrations, race timing & posting, etc.)

--- Registration crew (Registration, assign boat numbers, collect fees, time race and post results)

--- Ramp Crew (Control parking, help with boats in and out of water, perform safety checks, etc.)

If interested in helping, contact Bob Oetting at 508-842-0489 or e-mail [greatquinsig@townisp.com](mailto:greatquinsig@townisp.com)

### **Meeting Schedule**

All meetings will be held at 7 PM in the Selectmen's Old Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 16, Tuesday, April 13, Tuesday, May 18, and Tuesday, June 15.

For more information on how you can volunteer for the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival, contact either Maria Smith (508-845-9974 or [MMSREAL@aol.com](mailto:MMSREAL@aol.com)) or Art Dobson (508- 842-2826 or [adobson681@aol.com](mailto:adobson681@aol.com)).

Vivian Powers, Secretary, sums up the Spirit of Shrewsbury committee as, "a volunteer, non-profit, self-funding committee, comprised of dedicated residents from Shrewsbury. Positive and negative ideas are extremely welcome towards the success of the 2004 Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival." All are welcome to help plan the town's festivities. Bring a friend, share your ideas, and help.

***Become a Volunteer!***  
***Catch the Spirit of Shrewsbury***  
***Fall Festival 2004***

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